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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 and amend claims 1 and 3 as follows. Attached is a marked-up copy showing changes to the claims.

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Claim 1 (Amended). Porous membranes of (per)fluorinated amorphous polymers having a pore size in the range 5 - 500 nm, ^{*and also average pore size distribution*} determined by an atomic force electronic microscope, wherein 80% - 90% of the pores have a size ranging from minus 5 nm to plus 5 nm of the value of the ^{*pore*} distribution maximum peak.